

the telephonic interview, claim 21 has been amended for clarity and claim 26 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 21. Thus claims 1-26 are presently pending in this application for consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 26-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Winebaum in view of Hosterman. Applicant respectfully submits that the invention which is the subject matter of the rejected claims is patentable over the references in the Office Action. In view of the fact that claim 26 has been amended and claims 27-31 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, however, Applicant provides no further comment regarding the rejection of these claims. Applicant's silence with respect to this rejection is not in acquiescence to the Examiner's characterization of the scope of the claims or the relationship of those claims to the cited references.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.


The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments arising from this communication to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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